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The Weekly Banner.

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Editor, Publisher and Proprietor.

Brenham, Thursday, Oct. 28, 1897.

By his visit to Texas Dr. Guiteras lost his rep. as a yellow fever expert.

The public debt of France is the largest in the world and amounts to about \$8,000,000,000.

The population of Texas is reckoned at four million souls and its railway mileage at 10,000 miles.

The president has appointed William Wallace Mills, of El Paso, Texas, to be consul at Chihuahua, Mexico.

An increase of about 1200 men for the navy will be asked of the next congress—100 of which are to be officers and 100 apprentices.

THE Huntsville Item states that whenever the genuine yellow fever hits Texas, no expert will be needed to inform the people of the fact.

RUSSELL SAGE is said to contemplate making an effort to gobble up the Pacific railway at the forthcoming forced sale by the government.

It is said that Congressman DeGraffenreid is to have no opposition for re-election next year, insofar as the democratic party is concerned.

SPAIN again serves notice on Uncle Sam to stop filibustering expeditions leaving our shores, or be held accountable for a gross breach of international law.

CROCKER is still boss of Tammany and says he intends to land the democratic ticket in the municipal election of Greater New York by the usual majority. Bully for Crocker.

THE Bonham News says Bonham is getting real "cified." With her two big oilmills, her new compress, two ice factories, two flouring mills, electric lights, electric railways, city public schools, her splendid water-works, and last and least her eight newspapers, who can say she isn't much of a city now?

HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

Many good people wonder why it is that government costs so much more than it did many years ago. Why cannot Texas, with 3,000,000 people, have her public affairs administered at as low a figure per capita as when the population was but half a million? A little reflection will bring the explanation to light. Just as individuals and families are not satisfied with the simple, inexpensive wants of the good old times, so it is with the state, the county and the town. Now, instead of the cheap old field schools, kept in log shanties, with puncheon floors, roofed with three-foot boards, and furnished with benches made of split slabs and legs neatly trimmed with a hand-ax, we must have neat structures, gay with paint and convenient with all modern appliances, and at the head of the system we must have a grand state university, with its medical and industrial branches. We must have asylums for our unfortunates and penitentiaries for our criminals. Justice, as well as those who seek her favors, is no longer content with the rude habitations that once served so well, but must dwell in and issue her edicts from palaces of granite Pecos red sandstone and pressed brick. We must have geological surveys, a military system, a sanitary system, live stock inspection, a railroad commission, an enormous amount of printing by the state of laws, journals, reports of 101 officers, departments, bureaus, etc. We want to be more secure in rights of person and property than when each man depended largely for these things on his strong right arm, and this entails courts and officers innumerable. All these things, and many more, we want and must have, regardless of cost. The luxuries of forty years ago are the every-day necessities of the present, with individuals and states, but we can't have them without paying for them. But we believe that we can now pay for what we want as conveniently as when we wanted but little here below, nor wanted that little but a part of the time. Then let us content ourselves with the reflection that there is nothing too good for us—if we can pay for it.—Farm and Ranch.

STATE NEWS.

—Counterfeit silver dollars are in circulation at Pearsall.

—A Dallas man fined the limit, \$500, for attempting to fix a jury.

—The land office reports 24,177 acres of school lands sold during the month of September.

—The state university opened with 442 students—or 38 more than last year.

—Valuable marble fields have been discovered near Alpine. The marble is black and of rare variety.

—Some of the West Texas farmers are leasing lands to Mexican tenants in preference to white men.

—Nat Q. Henderson, of Georgetown, a Grant republican, has gone to Washington in search of an "appointment."

—Three new wells are now gushing oil at Corsicana.

—Hon. T. S. Harrison is being prominently mentioned in connection with the State treasurer-ship.

—A little son of W. H. Wrey was run over and instantly killed by a heavy float in Dallas last Friday.

—Farmers about Angleton are seriously alarmed over the ravages of meningitis among their horses.

—A heavy rain and wind-storm visited Rosenberg last Friday night, blowing residences off their blocks and completely demolishing a number of stables and barns.

—Henry College, located at Campbell, 8 miles east of Greenville, burned last Saturday morning. Insured for \$12,000.

—A terrific hail storm visited Erath county last week, doing considerable damage to crops and other property in the vicinity of Dublin.

—Thomas Goodwin committed suicide at Itasca, Hill county, last Saturday by cutting his throat with a razor.

—John Hayden, who has resided in Texarkana for the past five years, was arrested last Saturday on a warrant charging him with the murder of Mike Havelly at Walnut Hill, Virginia, in 1891.

OHIO, IOWA AND MARYLAND.

The overshadowing fact that six and a half millions of American voters are for Bryan and the Chicago platform must be constantly borne in mind by every lover of his country, says the Silver Knight-Watchman. The only possible issues upon which relief can be obtained are the issues of 1896. Upon no other issues can there be a general co-operation. Whatever else may happen, the election this fall will have an important bearing in determining whether this country shall be all bonded slavery or all freedom and prosperity.

The fact that six and a half millions of American voters, composed of all parties, united last year is very encouraging. Democrats must bear in mind that the gold element of their party, which dominated and disgraced and robbed the American people, is in the opposition, and must be kept in that position or the democratic party is forever destroyed. The casting out of the followers of the British gold standard from the democratic ranks has made it possible for honest men of all parties to co-operate with the regenerated democracy (as much interested in success as the populists or silver republicans,) and that success is only possible by cordial co-operation.

The populists and silver republicans show their devotion to the cause of reform, and their desire for relief for the American people, by voting under the democratic name which Cleveland and his cohorts made odious. The democrats have shown their devotion to principle by eliminating the Hessian tory element from their party, and they can well afford, if populists and silver republicans will co-operate with them, to extend them every courtesy and to recognize them as allies and comrades in the great cause. If after having eliminated the goldites from the democratic party, that party should, by its conduct, in any one of the above-named States, alienate silver republicans or populists who are co-operating with them, most dire results would follow, and the good which they have done by eliminating

Cleveland democracy from the party will all be lost unless they receive with proper cordiality and interchange of courtesies the reform elements which are now ready and willing to co-operate with them.

Co-operation was secured last year. Since that time thousands and thousands have come to the standard of reform who voted for the enemy in 1896, and nothing can accomplish a defeat in either of the great States above named but failure of the reform forces to co-operate together. Let silver republicans, populist, and democrats alike remember that each is engaged in the same great work of rescuing this country from the despotic rule of the English gold standard. The question at issue is above party. It involves the liberty, happiness, and prosperity of the American people. No man who has the cause of humanity or the love of liberty at heart can afford to be offended or to take exceptions to his co-workers, however unjust their conduct may seem. This is a case where, if we have enemies in the ranks, it is our duty to heap coals of fire upon their heads by returning good for evil, because upon the co-operation of all, the fate of civilization depends.

THE San Antonio Express considers train-robbing bad enough when the effort is confined to the express car and the mail pouches, but when the robbers go through the passenger coaches robbing and shooting indiscriminately it is time for the exercise of extraordinary means for hunting-down and punishing the scoundrels. The crime is becoming altogether too common and the way to check it is to catch the robbers and make the punishment severe.

THE Greenville Herald thinks the Smith county officers who tortured a suspected criminal, while confined in jail, in an effort to extort a confession, should be stripped of their authority and severely punished. Their zeal to ferret out crime should not excuse their barbarous conduct. Reason, justice, humanity cry out against such acts and public condemnation can not be too severe against the offenders.

VERY few people have an idea how much they are mortgaged until they begin to count up, says the Alvarado Bulletin. The installment system is responsible for a great deal of this indebtedness. There can be no objection to buying a home on this plan where one has not the ready money to invest, but the abuse of the method absolutely keeps some people poor. This is especially so with men and women who work on salaries. They will buy goods on monthly payments at prices much higher than they would have to pay on a cash transaction. Numerous articles, from a book to a carriage or a fine parlor suit, are bought in this way, and often with detriment to the purchaser. Use the installment plan with caution.

THE St. Louis Republic says: "The story from the Indian Territory to the effect that the Cherokees, Creeks and other independent tribes are preparing to migrate to Mexico in view of the probability of the abolition of their tribal relations and the allotment of their lands by the United States is probably a fake. President Diaz' Indian policy is much more severe than that of the United States, and it isn't likely that he would encourage the scheme said to be on foot in the Indian Territory."

THE Aransas Pass Beacon refers to the fact that many men thoughtlessly swear in conversation with other men and in the presence of children. This is grossly impolite to your friend and unpardonably wrong to the child. Learn the plain English and you will find no place for profanity.

THE supreme court of Michigan has ruled that the services of an editor or a reporter are of a professional nature and are therefore not covered by the statute relative to preferred labor claims.

THE Johnson County Review exultingly exclaims: "And the regular democracy carried the municipal election in Louisville, the home of Henri Watterson and the Courier Journal." "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." All sing!